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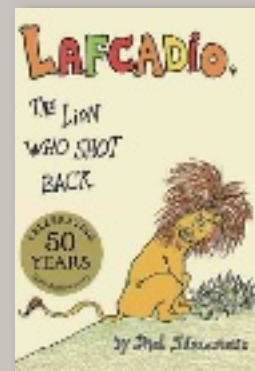
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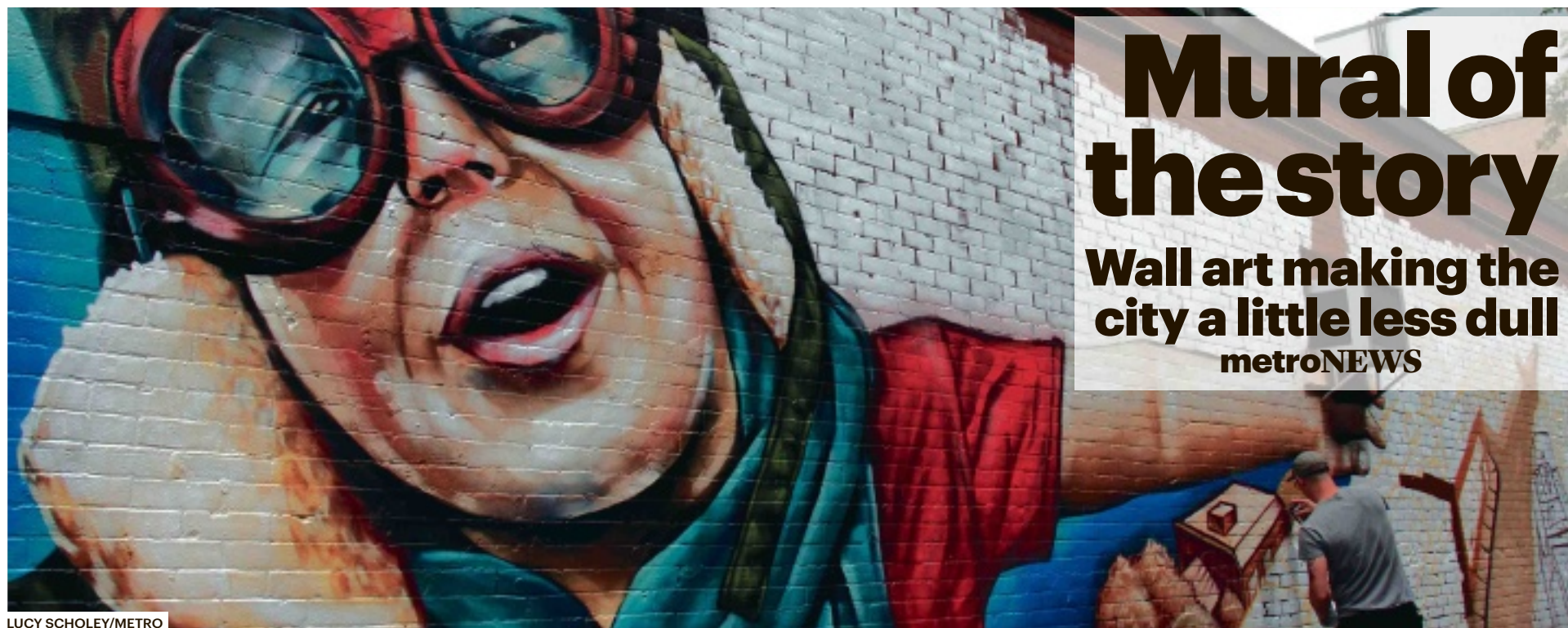
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Devices with bureaucrats' info stolen

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Privacy breach in Edmonton affects 260 federal workers



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Someone broke in to a government office in Edmonton earlier this year and made off with electronic devices containing the personal information of 260

government workers, newly released documents show — a privacy breach that is only now coming to light.

Documents obtained by Metro under the Access to Information Act reveal the stolen devices contained employees' performance agreements, grievances, travel records and other personnel files.

But Public Works and Government Services Canada calls the risk of its employees' personal information being compromised "very low" because the devices stolen from one of its offices were encrypted.

The details of the previously unreported breach are spelled out in a May 1 memo to the department's deputy minister and an accompanying Privacy Act breach report.

The documents reveal that someone gained access to a Public Works office on the ninth floor of Edmonton's ATB Plaza at around 6:15 p.m. on Friday, March 27. About three hours later, they made off with a laptop, an SD card and two encrypted USB sticks with protected personal information.

The laptop had been locked with a cable lock, for which the

key was hidden, and the USBs were in locked cabinets. "Pedestals and overhead bins were pried and forced open," one of the documents says.

The department now says it has concerns about the building's security.

"Public Works and Government Services Canada is concerned that the security measures agreed to with the building owner were not in place to address this incident in a timely

manner," department spokeswoman Michèle LaRose said in an email.

"Security experts have advised that the risk of a breach of personal information is low as the information on the memory sticks was protected with encryptions," she added. "That being said, PWGSC deeply regrets that these have been stolen and the department has taken actions to prevent similar events in the future."

The department reported the breach to the privacy commissioner's office on April 23 — almost a month later — but did not notify its employees. The privacy commissioner, in some cases, doesn't recommend institutions notify employees when the risk of personal information being compromised is low.

Federal government privacy breaches are becoming increasingly common. According to figures released in March, the federal government reported breaching the privacy of individuals more than 5,200 times in 2014 — an all-time high.

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The memo says the department is awaiting the privacy commissioner's recommendations on whether to formally notify employees.

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Ottawa police cordoned off a large area after a body was discovered in Paul Landry Park off Uplands Drive in south Ottawa, Wednesday. Even though the death was being treated as suspicious, detectives have not been called in. MIKE CARROCCETTO/FOR METRO

Body found near trail in south end

INVESTIGATION

Area known as a hangout for teenagers



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

After investigating a dead body found in a park in the south end of the city, Ottawa Police say they're not considering the death suspicious.

"There's no foul play for now, and that's all we're say-

ing," said Const. Marc Soucy, adding that the identity of the person will not be released.

Details like age or gender have also not been released.

The body was found in the 3300 block of McCarthy Road, not far from the Ottawa airport.

Police received the call at 10:55 a.m. Wednesday morning after a passerby walking the trails came across it. Police quickly blocked off a large area to investigate.

The body was found in Paul Landry Park, a wooded area with hiking trails between residential townhouses and com-



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Const. Marc Soucy

mercial buildings.

Police began removing tape from the scene around 4 p.m.

"Me and my fiancée bring our daughter through there, she's four, and I guess we won't be doing that any more," said Aaron Gruntke, a resident who lives nearby.

"In broad daylight, I don't

necessarily feel unsafe, but at the same time it's close to home," he said.

Gruntke said the area cordoned off by police tape inside the woods has a small man-made fort-like structure created from scrap wood and stones, where local teenagers often hang out.

"You'll see broken beer bottles, empty cases, they're dropped along the path ... You're consistently hearing them in there but no one doesn't anything about it," he said.

WITH FILES FROM MIKE CARROCCETTO

FEDERAL ELECTION

Mayor staying neutral on endorsement



Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Jim Watson is not publicly picking teams this federal election.

The Ottawa mayor, who was the Liberal MPP for Ottawa West-Nepean from 2003 to 2010, is less vocal about who he's endorsing — or slamming, for that matter.

"Mayor Watson has an ex-

cellent track record of working with provincial and federal representatives of all political stripes," wrote his spokesman Brook Simpson in an email to Metro, noting the three major parties support the second phase of the city's \$3 billion light rail transit project.

"He will be pleased to collaborate with whichever party forms the next government in order to ensure council can continue to make progress

on community priorities such as affordable housing, infrastructure and transit."

Premier Kathleen Wynne, however, has said she will be campaigning with Liberal leader Justin Trudeau, while urging voters to turf Prime Minister Stephen Harper for refusing her Ontario Retirement Pension Plan.

The war of words between the two has heated up since the federal campaign started on Sunday.

"The people of Ontario seem to be singled out for particularly mean-spirited treatment. It has to stop," she said, saying Harper has presided over a "deteriorating" relationship with the provinces and has not met with the premiers as a group since 2009.

Wynne is not the only premier in Harper's crosshairs. He called Alberta Premier Rachel Notley's tax plan an "absolute disaster."

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Ottawa's many colours

The city's walls are looking less grey as more murals pop up on buildings and underpasses around the city. Do you have a favourite? Tweet a picture @metroottawa.

Lucy Scholey METRO

Helping change the face of graffiti

It was almost a decade ago when Dan Metcalfe and his friends were arrested for spray painting a wall near Carleton University. These days, the 32-year-old has turned tags into striking wall art — the legal kind. He's among several painters brightening up the dull grey walls of buildings and underpasses through different city mural programs.

"I kind of had to decide if I wanted to continue run-ins with the law or see if I could actually do something, make some money with it and actually give back to the city," Metcalfe said, his hands stained with blue paint, beside the French Baker in the Glebe on Wednesday.

Behind him, the wall of the alleyway is splashed with a realistic image of a child wearing aviator goggles and a hat. The kid's left arm is outstretched, and underneath it artist Pat Buck was working on a cartoonish aerial image of Bank Street. The duo has been working eight-hour days since last Saturday. Facing a mural of Russian dolls — another of Metcalfe's pieces — the alleyway is brighter and less likely to attract graffiti vandals.

"There's kind of this level of respect that artists have for each other. They've seen that someone has put their work into doing something.... For the most part, people will respect it," he said.

The Glebe Business Improvement Area (BIA) commissioned the artists. Other citywide mural programs include the underpass projects and Paint it Up!, which has drawn about 700 spray-paint-wielding youth to Ottawa walls since 2010, according to the city's website. The city doles out \$50,000 a year for the program.



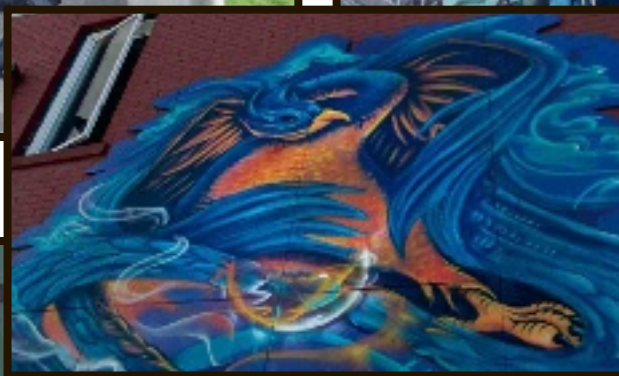
A pedestrian strolls past the newly finished mural on the Queensway overpass in the Glebe.

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A portion of the mural at the Metcalfe Street-Highway 417 underpass.

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This two-year-old blue mural on Charlie's Groceteria is like something out of a fantasy novel.

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The Granite Curling Club, at 2026 Scott St., is splashed with an appropriate art piece.

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More underpass art in, you guessed it, Little Italy.

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Mike Valerio, a.k.a DJ Dynaflex, plays at his monthly Bring Your Own Vinyl Night, in Wakefield. COURTESY DAVID IRVINE PHOTOGRAPHY

Waxing nostalgic with DJ Dynaflex

BACKSTAGE PASS

BYOV nights an opportunity for reminiscing and discovery



Trevor Greenway
Metro | Ottawa

It's difficult to impress a vinyl head with a rare piece of wax these days, but for Mike Valerio, it happens at least once a month.

The selector, also known as DJ Dynaflex behind the 1s and 2s, hosts a Bring Your Own Vinyl (BYOV) Night once a month at Kaffe 1870 in Wakefield. Some of the records he gets to spin blow even his mind.

"I had an original surf record from the early '60s, which is really good. That was a really cool one," says Valerio, referring to the original 1963 Jim Waller and the Deltas record, Surfin' Wild, that a patron brought in to play. The bar turned into a California surf party for 20 minutes. Then it was on to something totally different: Zeppelin, the Cars,

Nine Inch Nails.

"There are definitely some guys who come and bring rare records, but a lot of people are now bringing a few records and they are chatting and showing each other their record collections, which is really cool."

Valerio started the BYOV Nights last December for a CKCU fundraiser. He's raised over \$500 in just eight outings. It's safe to say that people like showing off their wax.

But the night is more than just a listening party; it's a meeting spot for like-minded people, a pseudo-club for those weirdos you see frantically rummaging through records at a garage sale. They'll guzzle brew and discuss music history, what bandmates were in which bands during which years and compare their rare, original pressings. It's like those trippy '70s listening parties that hippies used to throw when the new Zeppelin or Floyd album dropped (minus all the LSD).

"It's really, really interesting to see what people bring out. It's a lot of fun, and we always chat about the records, if they are originals and that sort of stuff," says Valerio, adding that

a small sample of someone's record collection tells a lot about a person.

"You can tell how long they have been listening to records and buying them. And you can tell what they are listening to and you get an idea of what they are like."



The odds of listening to a whole album, people just don't really do that anymore.

Mike Valerio

It's a different night for Valerio too, as the all-vinyl DJ is used to being the selector controlling the vibe and the playlist at parties. But the first Monday of every month, he is just the machine, playing the tracks that people have chosen themselves. He says it offers people the rare opportunity of listening to more than just one song, as most of us do in the car, while jogging or making supper in our busy, non-stop, go-go lives.

"There is so much curated music out there. We are living

in a time where everything is portable and on your iPhone and it's curated playlists, which are great," says Valerio.

"But the odds of listening to a whole album, people just don't really do that anymore, especially on records. It's just a really cool environment. You are surrounded by a lot of like-minded people and you actually listen to a whole side."

And the playlists vary from genre to genre, era to era. My first BYOV selection included Half Moon Run's Dark Eyes and LCD Soundsystem's self-titled album, while other record-heads brought B.B. King's Live in Cook County Jail, The Flaming Lips' and Stardeath and White Dwarfs' cover of The Dark Side of the Moon and, of course, Side A of The Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

It's a mishmash of tunes that somehow work seamlessly into a night of genre- and era-spanning musical goodness. It's a party for music nerds.

So grab your rarest groove, dust off those ancient records, pick out the best 20 minutes that live within your collection and head to the corner bar on Wakefield's main drag. But leave the acid at home.

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Robyn Benson, national president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada, speaks at a demonstration in Ottawa on May 19.

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Election call slows anti-Tory ad campaign

PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE

Limits on 3rd-party spending forces group to back off



Michael Woods
Metro|Ottawa

Stephen Harper's election call on Sunday kick-started what is sure to be an 11-week barrage of political party advertisements, but it scaled back a separate advertising campaign that was already in full swing.

The Public Service Alliance of Canada's sweeping, \$2.7-million

national anti-Conservative advertising campaign, launched just three weeks ago, has to scale back because of strict limits on third-party spending during election campaigns.

PSAC National President Robyn Benson admitted in an interview that the election call has put a damper on the union's Vote to Stop the Cuts campaign, which criticizes Conservative government cuts to public services.

PSAC had to take down billboards, pull advertisements from the radio, and will need to spend advertising dollars judiciously until the Oct. 19 election.

"Anything that we pay for we'll have to watch very care-

fully," Benson said. "We will be strategic."

However, while more traditional and expensive mediums such as radio and print may be limited, Benson said the campaign has taken off online. The website has been visited more than 420,000 times and the English video has more than 3.1 million views on YouTube and Facebook combined.

"We're not done for, to be clear," she said. "Canadians right now can go to our website anytime they want. ... They can learn about what the Harper government has done."

Outside of elections, third parties can spend unlimited amounts of money on political advertising in Canada. At the

PSAC national convention earlier this year, members voted to devote \$5 million toward raising awareness about the cuts.

But during a writ period, which began on Sunday, their spending is limited. For a 78-day campaign, according to Elections Canada formulae, the limit is about \$430,000.

Benson said PSAC will continue to talk to its membership about the need to vote, and to spread the word about replacing the government.

But PSAC, though it has endorsed candidates in the past, is not endorsing a particular candidate or party. Benson said the resolution passed at the convention called for condemning the Conservative government.

EDUCATION

Support staff left out of labour talks

Labour talks between teachers and school boards have been in the spotlight for months, but support staff working in schools say they're tired of being sidelined.

That's the message Sherry Wallace, vice president of CUPE Local 2357, wants parents to hear as her union, representing other education workers, goes into bargaining.

"The government is constantly talking about the teachers but for some reason they feel support staff aren't as much of an issue," said Wallace. "We're

constantly under the radar."

CUPE represents a range of 1,500 non-teacher workers at the Ottawa-Catholic School Board, including educational assistants, early childhood educators, office administrators and library technicians.

They often make half of what teachers are paid, and most are 10-month contract employees who are laid off in the summer months.

The group hasn't had a contract since August of last year and members are still trying to negotiate salaries, benefits

and safety concerns around working conditions. Wallace noted that layoffs are common.

CUPE sought help from a provincial conciliator last week after they were told central bargaining dates wouldn't take place until after the school year began. Education Minister Liz Sandals said the government is committed to reaching a solution.

Wallace said workers feel sidelined.

"We want parents to know we're part of the school system. We don't want to go on

strike but we do want to matter in this bargaining process," she said.

Wallace said during the decade-plus that she's been helping special needs students in the classroom, cutbacks have doubled or tripled the workload.

"If we're caring for four or five children we're just putting out fires and making sure everybody is safe. We're just coping. It's no longer about that social and emotional learning that students require," she said. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

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FEDERAL ELECTION

Liberals cry foul over high spending limit



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

The Liberal Party is crying foul about the length of the federal election campaign, saying Prime Minister Stephen Harper has gamed the system to create a financial windfall for the Conservative Party.

The Liberals' issue, outlined by deputy leader Ralph Goodale at

a news conference Wednesday, is new political party spending rules the Conservatives introduced last year.

The rules increase party spending limits the longer campaigns go. For a 37-day writ period, the parties' spending is capped at about \$25 million. But with the 78-day campaign Harper kick-started on Sunday, the limit is \$54.5 million.

The Conservative Party, with considerably deeper pockets than

the other parties, stands to benefit the most from that high limit.

And with political parties receiving a 50-cent rebate from taxpayers for each dollar spent on the campaign, Goodale contends the Conservatives stand to make \$27 million in rebates, \$13.5 million of which he called "new, extra and totally unnecessary."

But Goodale would not say how much taxpayer rebate money the Liberals expect to receive from the election cam-

paign, only that the party expects to run a "fully-funded campaign."

The Liberal's rebate, he said, "depends on how much we spend in the full campaign," added Goodale, who was accompanied by Hull-Aylmer Liberal candidate Greg Fergus.

Goodale said the point is that Harper changed the rules to his own party's advantage, and he disputes Harper's justification to reporters for calling the election last Sunday.



A design of the Ottawa Art Gallery's new building.

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OTTAWA ART GALLERY

Redevelopment involves \$100M private-public partnership



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The redevelopment project planned for the Ottawa Art Gallery and the Arts Court has been finalized, the city announced Wednesday.

Concrete barricades and boarding have been put up surrounding the site along Nicholas Street and construction has officially begun.

Rideau-Vanier ward Coun. Mathieu Fleury said the month-long delay was mostly administrative details worked out by the legal teams representing the city, EBC Inc., DevMcGill and Groupe Germain.

The \$100-million development involves a private-public partner-

ship, including a \$41.68-million investment from the City of Ottawa and the University of Ottawa and \$60 million from the private sector.

The new space is designed to include a new and larger Ottawa Art Gallery, a 250-seat multi-purpose and film screening room, a new 120-seat theatre and four classrooms for the University of Ottawa.

It will also feature a 21-storey mixed-use tower at 60-70 Waller Street, including a boutique hotel on the first 12 floors and residential condos on the upper floors.

Fleury said the redevelopment is exciting for the neighbourhood.

"We're a capital city and we need to compete against things like the National Gallery, so having that space close to the Byward Market and the University is amazing," he said.

The gallery expansion is expected to be completed by late 2017 as part of the city's bicentennial celebrations. The rest of the development will be completed in 2018.

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IN BRIEF

Long weekend one of the 'deadliest' in recent history
Police say 16 people died on Ontario roads and waterways over the Civic Day long weekend, calling it one of the deadliest in recent history.

Ontario Provincial Police say nine people died in road crashes, six drowned and one man died after a canoe

capsized. The road collision fatalities include one cyclist, one pedestrian, three people travelling in one vehicle and four by motorcycle.

The three vehicle occupants were in their twenties, and the motorcycle deaths include a 59-year-old driver and his 61-year-old passenger. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Psychic predicts losses for Tories

ELECTION 2015

Conservatives in tough this election, says prognosticator



Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Matthew Stapley predicts the Conservatives will lose votes this federal election.

He's no pundit or pollster. Stapley is a psychic.

In fact, "an MP or two" have even used the 29-year-old's psychic-medium services, but he won't name any names.

During his peak season, the Ottawa resident fields dozens of clients a week — in person or via Skype from as far away as Australia, the U.S. and Europe. His live shows have drawn packed auditoriums of people hoping to hear from deceased loved ones. There, Stapley wan-

ders around the room with a microphone, channelling the messages of the dead in a voice that's almost too quick to scribble notes.

"It's often a very emotional experience for people," he said. "But it's usually very happy and it's healing."

"That's generally why I do this work — because it can bring people to a level of still feeling connected to somebody that they thought that they had lost."

He has been in tune with his psychic abilities since he was eight years old, when his dad was travelling through Thailand. During a phone call, Stapley said he shocked his dad by accurately describing his room.

"He was never really much of a believer in that sort of thing at all," he said.

Stapley meets skeptics, but, believing that everyone is entitled to their own opinion, he does not try to sway them. When he does, he gets nervous and finds it difficult to connect

with people's auras.

"I think it's important for people to come to a reading skeptical. I have lots of skeptics come to me that have not told me that they're skeptical and weren't trying to prove me wrong," he said. "Those people have had some of the best readings I've ever given."

He has been reading people professionally since he was 17 years old and said he realized he could also tune into the afterlife after his grandfather passed away.

But Stapley does not always feel a connection and some visions are more ambiguous than others.

"No psychic and no medium is 100 per cent accurate, ever," he said.


We will see come Election Day.


Stapley will be at the Glue Pot Pub, at 340 Queen St., on Thursday at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Centretown Community Health Centre.



Ottawa psychic Matthew Stapley will do live readings at the Glue Pot Pub on Thursday.

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Leaders ready to ramble

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First debate of federal party leaders takes place tonight

On the eve of the first federal leaders' debate, Canada's campaign trail grew quiet Wednesday as the rivals prepared for their live four-way faceoff.

Two of them, however, sent campaign proxies.

Laureen Harper stepped up to fill her husband's shoes, speaking briefly to party supporters at the campaign office for Conservative Costas Menegakis in the suburban riding of Richmond Hill.

And the NDP offered a new attack ad to fill the campaign void — a collection of doom-and-gloom business-page headlines superimposed over photos of Stephen Harper, denouncing the Tory economic record.

Indeed, the economy is expected to be front and centre during Thursday's debate, the first opportunity for four of the five leaders to go head-to-head on a variety of key issues.



Stephen Harper

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Thomas Mulcair

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Justin Trudeau

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Elizabeth May

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All four participants — Harper, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau and Green party Leader Elizabeth May — were keeping a low profile Wednesday as they took part in the time-honoured campaign ritual of "debate prep."

Mulcair has been running through debate preparation sessions with his inner circle at a Montreal hotel all week, surfacing only Tuesday to take part in a campaign event in the riding of Mount Royal.

As a former prosecutor whose question-period inquisition of Harper at the height of the Sen-

ate scandal was a highlight of his tenure as leader, Mulcair's performance will be under the microscope, observers say.

As is always the case for the prime minister, Harper will surely be the target of most of the attacks — a fact not lost on the Conservative team, said spokesman Kory Teneycke.

But the Tories will have attacks of their own — particularly on matters of experience and leadership.

Teneycke said the prime minister is "quite prepared to defend" the government's economic record, which has been under heavy

fire throughout the first few days of the still-young campaign.

Trudeau will exceed expectations "if he comes on stage with his pants on," Teneycke said — a jab to which the Liberals did not respond Wednesday.

Green party Leader Elizabeth May is spending Wednesday on her own in Toronto ahead of the debate. May's officials say she prefers to be left alone to study, rather than participate in mock debates like the other leaders. THE CANADIAN PRESS

See Metro Views for more on debate

WHEN, WHERE

Harper, Mulcair, Trudeau and May will all be in Toronto today to take part in the first federal election debate beginning at 8 p.m. The debate will be broadcast live on Toronto-based Citytv, CPAC and Omni 1 and Omni 2 channels, as well as on each broadcaster's website, Facebook, YouTube and on Rogers Radio news stations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

P.E.I.

MADD leader resigns

The president of a Prince Edward Island chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada has resigned after being charged with impaired driving, the organization's CEO said Wednesday.

Andrew Murie said David Griffin, who was a police officer for 45 years, was charged with impaired driving in June and immediately resigned as volunteer president of MADD's East Prince County chapter.

Murie said formal charges were laid this week.

He said he was shocked and disappointed, but also has some compassion for Griffin, who he says did great work for the organization during his three years as president.

"He was a great volunteer. He led that chapter and was engaged with the organization," said Murie in a phone interview from Oakville, Ont. "You couldn't have asked for a more model volunteer."

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HEPATITIS C

Woman who fought transfusion case dies

A Halifax woman who led a \$1.18 billion class-action settlement for those infected with hepatitis C has died.

Lawyer Dawna Ring says Diane Forsyth died Saturday at the age of 64.

Forsyth became known nationally under her maiden name, Diane Parsons, for leading the legal fight for those infected with hepatitis C from blood transfusions.

Her family doctor, Patricia Beresford, said Forsyth, who had a bleeding disorder, became ill after getting a blood transfusion prior to dental surgery in 1989.

At the time, Canada had not instituted surrogate testing for hepatitis C.

"Early on in her illness, and until the day she died, Diane fought for adequate compensation for the medical and living costs of victims of hepatitis C exposure from blood," said Beresford.

Thousands of people in Canada were infected with HIV and hepatitis C after receiving tainted blood transfusions in the 1980s.

The federal government launched a public inquiry in 1993 to look into the scandal. Justice Horace Krever spent four years in his investigation and made 50 recommendations when he issued his report four years later.

A number of people who knew Forsyth issued statements on her importance to those who were affected by tainted blood.

Harvey T. Strosberg, who was the lead lawyer in the national class action, said Forsyth was a "visionary and a leader."

"She put her faith in the judicial system and she was not disappointed," he said. "Thousands of Canadians have benefited because she led the way."

Alexa McDonough, former leader of the federal and Nova Scotia NDP, commented on her importance to those with hepatitis C.

"How valiantly Diane struggled and championed the cause for others battling with hepatitis C," she added.

A funeral was scheduled to be held Wednesday in Halifax. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Montreal cabbie awaits Thursday bail decision

A Montreal taxi driver who faces seven charges for allegedly striking two people on purpose with his vehicle will find out Thursday whether he'll get bail.

Nick Forlinano Gauthier's bail hearing wrapped up Wednesday and featured testimony from someone close to the taxi driver.

The 32-year-old allegedly struck the two men for failing to pay their fare as they got out of the cab on Monday. An 18-year-old suffered head injuries, while a 20-year-old was also taken to hospital with less serious wounds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Activists say Quebec event abuses animals

Animal-rights groups are squealing about an annual contest in a small Quebec town that features participants trying to grab greased pigs.

The Ste-Perpetue event sees domestic pigs and wild boars let loose in a muddy pen and then chased by contestants.

Canadian activist groups are calling on citizens to pressure the town's mayor and councillors to ban the festivities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Plane debris confirmed

FLIGHT MH370

Malaysian prime minister affirms origin of wreckage

Experts have confirmed that the debris found on Reunion Island last week was that of Malaysia Airlines flight 370, which went missing last year, Malaysia's prime minister said Wednesday.

"It is with a very heavy heart that I must tell you that an international team of experts has conclusively confirmed that the aircraft debris ... is indeed MH370," Prime Minister Najib Razak told reporters.

The Boeing 777 jetliner disappeared on March 8, 2014 while on a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people on board.

It is believed to have crashed in the Indian Ocean, but the reason remains one of aviation's biggest mysteries.

The first-ever physical evidence of the aircraft was



Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak at a special press conference announcing the findings for the ill-fated flight MH370 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, early Thursday.

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found on the French territory of Reunion Island in the Indian ocean, thousands of kilometres from the site near Australia where the plane is believed to have gone down.

"We now have physical evidence that, as I announced on 24th March last year, flight MH370 tragically ended in

239

The number of people who were aboard Malaysia Airlines flight 370 when it disappeared.
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the southern Indian Ocean," Najib said.

Intact and encrusted with barnacles, the metal piece was sent to France for scrutiny by the French civil aviation investigation department, known by its acronym BEA, and members from its Malaysian and Australian counterparts.

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It is my hope that this confirmation ... will at least bring certainty to the families and loved ones.

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak

In a statement, Malaysia Airlines said the part of the plane's wing, known as a "flaperon," which was found on Reunion Island on July 29, had been confirmed to be of Flight 370.

"Family members of passengers and crew have already been informed, and we extend our deepest sympathies to those affected," it said.

The statement said this "is indeed a major breakthrough for us in resolving the disappearance of MH370. We expect and hope that there would be more objects to be found which would be able to help resolve this mystery."

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RELIGION

Divorced Catholics get olive branch

Pope Francis' call Wednesday for a church of "open doors" that welcomes divorced Catholics prompted speculation over whether he was signalling support for easing the ban on Communion for couples who remarry without a church annulment.

The issue is at the centre of an extraordinarily public debate among cardinals from around the world who will gather this October at the Vatican for a synod, or meeting, on the family.

"He wants the church to get over a psychology that if you're divorced and remarried that you're a lesser Catholic," said Phillip Thompson, executive director of the Aquinas Center of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta. "But it doesn't address the real issue of what is the path forward for Catholics who want to enter into full communion with the church."

Under Catholic teaching, unless a marriage is annulled, or declared null and void by a church tribunal, those who remarry cannot receive Communion or other sacraments because they are essentially living in sin and committing adultery. Such annulments can take years to process — if they are granted at all — a problem that has left generations of Catholics feeling shunned by their church.

Catholics who divorce after a church marriage, but don't remarry, can receive Communion.

The Pope, speaking at his weekly general audience at the Vatican, underscored Catholic teaching on divorced Catholics who remarry without an annulment, saying, "the church knows well that such a situation contradicts the Christian sacrament." But he emphasized, "these people are not at all excommunicated."

"They always belong to the church," Francis said. The church, he said, must be one of "open doors."

Opponents see a danger to this approach and warn it will undermine church teaching overall on marriage.

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IRAN

Deal critics 'selling a fantasy': Obama

U.S. President Barack Obama assailed critics of his Iran nuclear deal Wednesday as "selling a fantasy" to the American people, warning Congress that blocking the accord would damage the nation's credibility and increase the likelihood of more war in the Middle East.

Besides challenging opponents at home, Obama cast Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as an isolated international opponent of the historic accord, saying, "I do not doubt his sincerity but I believe he is wrong."

The agreement would require Iran to dismantle most of its nuclear program for at least a decade in exchange for billions of dollars in relief from international sanctions. But Netanyahu and some critics in the U.S. argue that it would not stop Iran from building a bomb.

The president's blunt remarks,

in an hour-long address at American University, were part of an intense lobbying campaign by the White House ahead of Congress' vote next month to either approve or disapprove the international agreement. Opponents of the agreement have streamed to Capitol Hill, too, to make their case and have spent tens of millions of dollars on advertisements.

Obama's diplomatic overtures to Iran, a centrepiece of his foreign-policy agenda, have put him at odds with Republicans and some Democrats, as well as with Netanyahu, who has campaigned vigorously against the deal.

Netanyahu and U.S. critics of the Iran deal say Obama is presenting a false choice between accepting the deal at hand and going to war to stop Iran from building a bomb.

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IN BRIEF

U.S. government offers \$5 million for 'El Chapo'

The U.S. government on Wednesday announced a \$5-million reward for information leading to the recapture of one of the world's most want-

ed drug kingpins, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman of Mexico.

The reward is being offered by the State Department, while the Drug Enforcement Administration has set up a tip line for information about

Guzman, who escaped from one of Mexico's most secure prisons last month via a sophisticated mile-long tunnel that opened up in his cell's shower.

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Fiat Chrysler Automobiles says it has a software fix to prevent hacking into the Jeep Cherokee through the Uconnect information system. FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Automakers fight to keep hackers out

TECHNOLOGY

Vehicles now have more software than a Boeing 787

When researchers at two West Coast universities took control of a General Motors car through cellular and Bluetooth connections in 2010, they startled the auto industry by exposing a glaring security gap.

Five years later, two friendly hackers used a laptop computer to commandeer a Jeep from afar over the Internet.

"Cars don't seem to be any more secure than when the university guys did it," says Charlie Miller, a security expert at Twitter who, along with well-known hacker and security consultant Chris Valasek, engineered the attack on the Jeep Cherokee.

Fiat Chrysler, the maker of Jeeps, is now conducting the first recall to patch a cybersecurity problem, covering 1.4 million Jeeps. And experts and

lawmakers are warning the auto industry and regulators to move faster to plug holes created by the dozens of new computers and the growing number of Internet connections in today's automobiles.

The average new car has 40 to 50 computers that run 20 million lines of software code, more than a Boeing 787, a recent KPMG study found.

After the 2010 hack, the auto industry plugged access holes and tried to isolate entertainment and driver information systems from critical functions such as steering and brakes. But in each subsequent model year, it added microchips and essentially turned cars into rolling computers.

Security experts say automakers should have systems that recognize rogue commands and stop them from taking control of a car. They also say car companies must behave more like the personal computer industry, instantaneously updating software via the Internet to stay ahead in a perpetual cat-and-mouse game.

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BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Weaker loonie hits Indigo's bottom line

A weaker Canadian dollar left a mark on the bottom line of Indigo Books & Music Inc. in the latest quarter.

The company's chief financial officer Laura Carr says the company took a \$3 million hit on its bottom line during the first quarter ended June 27, a direct impact from the exchange rate with the U.S. dollar. The details were disclosed in a conference call with analysts on Wednesday after

Indigo reported its financial results a day earlier.

Carr said Indigo managed to absorb the effect of the exchange rate by funnelling the costs into its book and merchandise prices and securing better agreements with its suppliers by increasing the volume of its orders.

Book and magazine prices are often a hot topic when currency exchange rates dramatically fluctuate, partly because

it's one of the few retail goods that lists how much they cost in each currency on the same product.

When the value of the loonie soared to near par with the American dollar several years ago, some consumers complained they were paying excessive markups on books when factoring in the better exchange rate.

Eventually, publishers and retailers made changes to fac-

tor in at least some of the improved currency rates.

However, as the loonie sits around 76 cents U.S., retailers are facing the challenge of recouping lost profit margins.

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Is equality in 'thermal comfort' really our greatest concern?

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The most boring story of the summer (the season of boring stories) arrived this week, wrapped in a handy coating of sexism, and took off.

You couldn't pass newsstands or hang on Twitter without bombardment by a shocking truth: office air conditioning is designed for ... men!

Researchers found thermostats are set to please the average 40-year-old man in the 1960s, while women, who like it hotter, are left to shiver.

The Internet ate it up. Editors put it on the front page. People (probably none more than women in offices) nattered.

But if I have to glance at one more outrage-feigning headline, I will curse every complainer to a life in a deep freeze, right between the hanging pig and leg of lamb.

Some people thought we made too much of poor Cecil the lion. But that was about one man's erectile dysfunction, if you believe Jimmy Kimmel, and most definitely about life and death — of a species, no less, and arguably an ecosystem.

Over here in office land, the

stakes are piddly.

Offices should "reduce gender-discriminating bias in thermal comfort predictions," declared the researchers.

"Equal thermal comfort for all!" doesn't quite have the ring of "Save the lions!" but such is office life.

Or such is the state of feminism.

Instead of crying foul over Fahrenheit, we might have paused to debate a new study that found 95 per cent of women do not regret getting an abortion, after surveying 670 women from a variety of social backgrounds over three years. There's also the small matter of our early start in sexism, as evidenced by new research showing girls are more likely to trust their student council if it's run by boys.

I don't really care if you're cold. It's not a wider problem if you can fix it all by yourself for the price of a quinoa lunch box (and if you can't afford that, the issue we should be talking about is income inequality and pay equity). Surely there's room for an extra layer in that giant purse you lug to work every day.

We're not supposed to silence each other, I know. We women shouldn't ask each other to change.

But please, do get changed — into a parka if you must — and find something better to get you hot and bothered.

metro's election explainer

The more debates the merrier?



So you're used to setting your PVR for just one evening's worth of politicians throwing shade at each other — either the English or French "consortium" debate, produced jointly by Canada's major networks (CBC, CTV, Global). This year, you'll need to do more planning. There are four confirmed alternative debates, the first of which, presented by Rogers and Maclean's magazine, runs tonight. Is this about widening the dialogue or subdividing the electorate? Read on.

1. HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

The Tories said they wouldn't participate in the traditional debates. Their only explanation was to suggest they were embracing "diversity and innovation." But some contend the party is trying to strategically parse and target blocks of voters. It's also worth pointing out that the Tories feuded last year over political ads and that their relationship with the CBC, whose funding they've gutted, is fraught to say the least.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- NDP Leader Tom Mulcair has said he won't debate without the big honcho himself.
- Justin Trudeau has so far confirmed only that he'll attend tonight's Maclean's/Rogers debate and another, presented by the Globe and Mail and Google, next month.
- The alternative debates were subject to Tory approval, so the terms are bound to be favourable to Harper. Consider: one of the debates is devoted to the economy,

another to foreign policy — subjects the leader is comfortable with.

- The main thing the consortium could offer was eyeballs: over 10 million viewers tuned in to the English debate in 2011. And the partners had planned to pump up the numbers this time through an array of social-media partnerships, meant to yield "unprecedented digital reach." But Harper's opt-out and Mulcair's hard line threaten to render the whole exercise moot.

The election explainer is dedicated to keeping urban Canadians informed ahead of the Oct. 19 vote. Look for it in this space throughout the campaign. Let us know what needs explaining: readers@metronews.ca

URBAN ETIQUETTE: ELLEN VANSTONE ON BELATED SYMPATHY



THE QUESTION

I just found out that my friend's mother died a few weeks ago but he never said anything. Should I send a card? Or is it more tactful to say nothing?



Dear Ellen,

I just found out that my friend's mother died a few weeks ago, but he never said anything, so I don't know whether to mention it or not. Should I say something, or send a card? Except now it seems too late, and anyways I don't know his postal code. So maybe I could send an email, but maybe that's too casual? Or is it more tactful to say nothing and respect his privacy?

Trying to be sympathetic

Dear Trying,

Sometimes people think it's "tactful to say nothing" when what they really mean is "it's way easier for me to ignore this difficult subject by pretending to be tactful."

I don't include you in this category. You seem genuine-

ly ready to do whatever the right thing is. But I have made the mistake of "pretending to be tactful," and I still regret it. A friendly acquaintance at college lost her fiancé just weeks before her wedding, and a bunch of us in her extended circle ignored the entire event, thinking (or pretending) we didn't want to remind her of the painful loss. As if she needed reminding!

Some time later, when my father died, I received a belated sympathy card from

a friendly acquaintance in my own extended circle, and I can't tell you how much it meant to me. I felt so touched. That card, even though it came from someone who never knew my father, made me feel as if someone else was honouring him and his life by acknowledging the loss.

So many of us in this culture are afraid to talk about death, but when people ignore it, there's a kind of message to the bereaved person

that the loss is somehow an embarrassing subject. Which, obviously, is bound to make that person feel worse.

So, the answer is: always send a card, no matter how many weeks have gone by. It's not only the "right thing to do" as a matter of etiquette. What makes it "right" is that it's a kind and considerate act. It's about setting aside your own discomfort and convenience and sending a message that will tell your friend you're thinking of him with love and sympathy. It's these small acts — the ones that are easiest to ignore or forget — that help connect people and make the world a better place.

As for not knowing your friend's postal code, I could ask if you've ever heard of the Internet. But I'll rein in my scoldy tone and tell you that email is just fine — especially if you're too young to have a drawerful of stamps handy.

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The Serengeti comes alive in Jerry Pinkney's nearly wordless retelling of the beloved Aesop fable. The lion spares the mouse from becoming a meal. The mouse returns the deed by freeing the lion from a poacher's trap. Closeups of the players are juxtaposed with vast landscapes. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

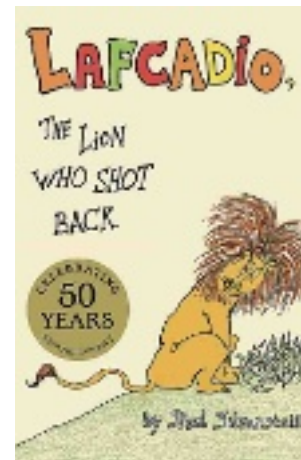
Counting Lions



CONSERVATION

Counting Lions

Charcoal drawings of 10 endangered animals in an oversize format, with a majestic lion as the cover boy. In addition to simple counting on a level worthy of very young children, text covers the qualities and behaviour of each animal, including elephants, giraffes, pandas, turtles and macaws. Creators Katie Cotton and Stephen Walton urge children to care about protection and preservation. October release, Candlewick.



BECOMING WHAT WE HATE

Lafcadio, The Lion Who Shot Back

In Shel Silverstein's first children's book, a lion eats a hunter, taking his gun and becoming a crack shot himself. A circus man names him Lafcadio the Great and brings him to New York, where the lion grows more humanlike, dressing in starched collars and fancy suits. He grows despondent and returns to the jungle to ponder whether he's more man or beast. Anniversary edition, HarperCollins.

A ROOM OF A KID'S OWN

Kidlit is the cat's meow in kids decor

Using children's books as inspiration for bedrooms and playrooms is one way to introduce a child to literature. It also can be just a fun, imaginative way to decorate.

"I lifted the oranges, greens and yellows from the pages of *The Wind in the Willows*, *Charlotte's Web* and *The Lion*, the *Witch and the Wardrobe*, and used those colours in the fabrics, wall colour" and furniture of a child's room, says Sheila Michaels, an interior designer in Crozet, Va., who designed

the room for the Charlottesville Design House a few years ago. She used the classic kids' books as her jumping-off point.

The response was overwhelmingly positive, she says.

"My heart was in (it), as I was an avid reader growing up and my grandparents had a book business," Michaels says.

She also channelled Beatrix Potter, using watercolour artwork, a tea set, a hand-painted dresser, and a lamp with flower and garden motifs reminiscent

of Mr. McGregor's garden from *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*.

Many designers and retailers, from bookstores to home-decorating stores, have picked up on the theme of children's literature as decor inspiration. (Pottery Barn Kids stocks Peter Rabbit-themed bedding, for example.)

The work of authors and illustrators such as James Gurney, Jan Brett, Frances Hodgson Burnett, Dr. Seuss, Shel Silverstein, Steven Kellogg and many more is also

available online in unframed, downloadable or ready-to-hang art. Check websites like Etsy, Art.com, Zazzle and Books of Wonder.

For a contemporary space, consider Chicago artist Christian Jackson's minimalist versions of classic fairy tales: the Goldilocks print shows three bowls of oatmeal, each a different size. Rendered in muted hues, the spare imagery packs graphic punch. (squareinchdesign.com)

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TAWNY SCRAWNY LION AROUND IN BED

Little Golden Books get snugly. Land of Nod partnered with Little Golden Books this spring to produce a bed and bath collection featuring several of the series' beloved characters, including Tawny Scrawny Lion. The illustrations have been reproduced on a range of soft furnishings and wall art. (landofnod.com)



Don't call it a beach book

VILLA AMERICA

This is not one of those turn-off-your-brain summer reads

Melissa Dunne
For Metro | Life



So how does Liza Klaussmann really feel about her new book *Villa America* recently being called “this summer’s classiest beach read” by one of Britain’s classiest newspapers?

“Yeah, sure why not? The word classy is in there — that’s always a good thing,” Klaussmann tells me over the phone while on vacation at Martha’s Vineyard, literally surrounded by beaches.

“I’ve always found the terminology a bit odd. ... You can read anything on the beach.”

The author is diplomatic about the categorization. When a book set in the French Riviera comes out during the dog days of sum-



Villa America is a book set by the beach, not a “beach book.” ISTOCK

INHERITANCE

A whale of a tale

Liza Klaussmann is not a complainer. After all, things are going very well for her right now.

Her first novel won her awards and accolades and her second novel *Villa America* has just been published. But, she does have a whale-sized reason to complain.

Herman Melville happens to be her great-great-great grandfather and people happen to ask her about the writer of the classic novel *Moby Dick* ALL the time.

Instead of complaining about being asked about, and compared to, someone she never met, she’s decided to deal with her famous relative “head on.”

She is already at work on her third novel and it will reference her long-gone family member, as well her fabulous summers spent on Martha’s Vineyard with her living relatives.

Now that sounds like a book worth fitting in to your beach bag.

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mer it’s perhaps inevitable, she points out, that there will be talk of stuffing it in your beach bag and getting sunscreen smudges on it and sand granules in it while flipping through the pages by the water.

But, one does understand why some authors (and readers) may cringe when the term beach read is mentioned.

After all, even today.com back in 2005 was dissing the category in a roundup of the sub-genre: “The beach book is easily digestible, designed to be guzzled down from a cramped airline seat or reclining poolside chair. ... They’re not the novels you proudly display on your shelves so that guests may marvel at your intellectual prowess, but frankly, it’s too hot out for Tolstoy.”

Oh, and beach books also tend to be chick-lit — you know, those books with the neon-pink covers marketed towards women.

Before the listicle of ‘beach books’ is listed this exhortation adds considerable insult to injury: “Let the mental vacation begin!”

Barf.

If you’re looking for a mental vacation this summer, *Villa America* is not the ‘beach book’ for you.

While her second novel, like her first, does take place near the beach, I’d certainly say it’s more classy than trashy.

But enough about the sometimes nauseating way books are labelled and categorized.

Klaussmann burst onto the literary scene with *Tigers in Red Weather*, her award-winning debut set on Martha’s Vineyard (where Klaussmann usually spends her summers) which became an international bestseller.

Her sophomore effort takes readers to another gorgeous beach locale — this time the French Riviera — and the characters are modelled after the real-life muses of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s *Tender is the Night*.

The initial idea for *Villa America* came many moons ago when she was working on her master’s thesis on the Fitzgerald classic. Gerald and Sara Murphy, the couple that inspired Fitzgerald’s book,



I’ve always found the terminology a bit odd ... You can read anything on the beach.

Liza Klaussmann

also inspired Klaussmann.

“I kind of fell in love with them,” says the author.

The resulting work is something many readers are sure to fall in love with too, whether it’s read this summer on the beach or in a more supposedly serious locale like a coffee shop come fall.

This is one ‘beach book’ that you can proudly display on your shelf, perhaps sandwiched between a dog-eared Helen Fielding book and a pristine hardcover Tolstoy novel.

What could be classier than that?



Filipino lives get the spotlight

SHORT FICTION

Author draws on her own experience in the diaspora

BOOKWORM

Sue Carter



It's such a familiar story. When Mia Alvar was a student, first at Harvard College and then at Columbia University, with aspirations of becoming a writer, she had to dig to find English-language fiction by other Filipino authors — despite the fact that there's a long, recognized literary tradition dating back to the 19th century.



"They weren't names that appeared on my syllabi, or the featured table at the bookstore," Alvar says.

New York-based Alvar can now count herself among a new generation of authors from the Filipino diaspora who are being recognized outside the community for their literary talents, including Montreal's own Miguel Syjuco, who won the 2008 Man Asian Literary Prize for his debut novel *Ilustrado*.

Alvar's first story collection, *In the Country*, published by Knopf, was released this summer to great critical praise with comparisons to one of the indisputable all-time masters of the form, Alice Munro.

In nine stories, including a novella, Alvar travels to the Philippines, the Middle East and the United States, and into the private lives of various Filipino communities and families.

But while there's an underlying sense of displacement and outsider anxiety familiar in many immigrant stories, Alvar's tales twist and surprise.

There's sweet revenge: in *Shadow Families*, a woman named Baby, whose every

move and wardrobe choice is judged by the other Filipino women, busts apart an expat community with a sly confession.

But there's also slow-growing empathy in *The Miracle Worker*, in which the wife of an oil worker becomes a caregiver for a young special-needs girl whose mother desperately dreams of a bright future for her child.

Alvar's family left Manila when she was six, first moving to Bahrain for four years before settling in New York.

While the stories may have gestated from her family's experiences, once she started writing, Alvar found they took a life of their own.

"I borrowed a lot from memory and personal experience and changed a lot on the page," she says.

"There are moments where I know I can trace the original spark or inspiration, but by the time the story has made it out into the world, so much has changed."

She admits that when she first began the collection, she felt the pressure of trying to represent an entire culture.

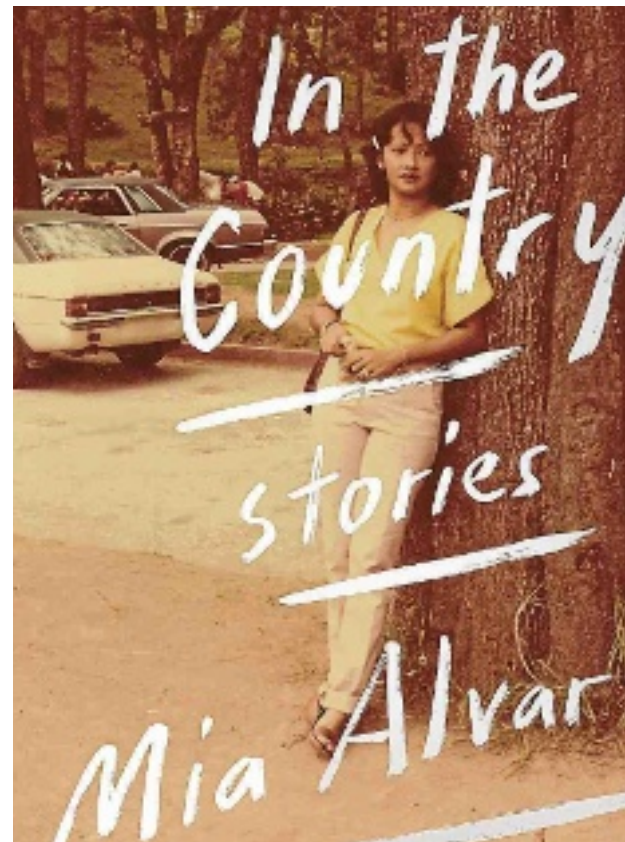
"I had to work out a philosophy for myself, as I noticed that I would get most

stuck and frustrated and bored whenever I was too obsessed with getting it right, whether it was fact-checking the distance between two towns on the map or trying to transcribe a memory from real life as it happened," she says.

Alvar felt the most pressure while writing the titular novella. For those whose knowledge of Filipino history stops at Imelda Marcos' shoe habit, *In the Country* is a heartbreaking insight into living under a dictatorship through the eyes of a couple caught in the political corruption.

"I didn't want someone who was very familiar with that time to be distracted by an error that could have easily been fixed. But it's the inventing or imagining that's fun for me," she says.

"So whenever I found myself getting too fixated on accuracy, that's when I would do something like change a place name. It gave me the space to feel like I had the license to go into the characters' minds."



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Mia Alvar, author of *In the Country*

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GOSSIP NOTES

Perrie's Zayn zen

In the wake of Zayn "I love to leave things" Malik's split from fiancée Perrie Edwards coming to light earlier this week, the Little Mix singer was said to be "devastated,"

but according to Edwards herself everything is great, just great. "I'm good, thank

you," she said when pressed in an interview for an update. So there you have it. "Her friends are rallying around her," a source previously told E! News.

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No 007 for Idris

Maxim's feature on Elba is a double-edge sword of eye candy and confirmation that the actor won't be ordering a martini "shaken, not stirred" anytime soon. "It's just not

happening," Maxim writes. "Fans have not been shy about their desire to see the producers slide the Aston Martin keys across the bar to Elba. But in the actor's estimation,

this very attention has all but killed his chances to land the role." MATT LEE/METRO IN NEW YORK

FROM HGTV TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Hillz spills TV faves

As she's doing her run for president, Hillary Clinton has to field a lot of questions. In a recent chat with South Carolina Democratic Party Chairman Jamie Harrison, the former first lady and secretary of state opens up about her favourite TV shows, and the answers are, um, telling. Clinton revealed she's a huge fan of Tea Leoni's *Madam Secretary* — so she's the one — about a female secretary of state. Maybe she likes shows she can relate to? Because she's also a huge fan of *The Good*

Wife, which started out about a high-powered woman overcoming her politician husband's sex scandal. This is very, very awkward.

But don't worry, Clinton has found the secret to relatability, and it is HGTV.

"I love watching people redecorating their houses, buying houses," she says.

"There's a program called *Love It or List It*. I like to watch *Beachfront Bargain* (Hunt) and I'm interested in this young couple that flip houses (*Flip or Flop*), whether they're going to make their money or not."

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WILL AND JADA

Smiths call it quits

While Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith laugh off those pesky divorce rumors that keep cropping up, they're reportedly dealing with a completely different breakup in their lives, and it's with the Church of Scientology. Tax records obtained by Radar Online show that the Smiths' Will Smith Foundation was issued a \$1.2-million refund in 2013 for cash that had

been donated to a suspiciously Scientologist-friendly school. A former Church leader insists the refund comes because the Smiths are no longer members of the controversial religious organization. If that's the case, the Smiths are the rare exception of people who've actually gotten Scientology to give them money. Impressive.

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From the left: Viola Davis, Kerry Washington, Shonda Rhimes and Ellen Pompeo at the 2015 Summer TCA Tour. GETTY IMAGES

Shonda queen of the non-answer answer

TV CRITICS PRESS TOUR

Talk of legacies not producer's fave topic

Lisa Weidenfeld
For Metro

Shonda Rhimes may have made her name with her writing, but for a pro wordsmith, she's awfully short on them when a room full of journalists tries to

get her to answer certain types of questions. Like, for instance, what's going to happen next on any of her Shondaland shows.

"We don't comment on future storylines," Rhimes told the room Tuesday at the Television Critics Association press tour.

But how does Rhimes feel about the whole TGIT branding thing ABC went with for the night of all her shows? Was she feeling any pressure in that situation? "You know what's great is that I absolutely

don't worry about things that I have no control over," Rhimes said. "My job at ABC is to make shows and tell stories, so that is what I spend my time doing."

Rhimes reserved her strongest non-answers for questions regarding her legacy as a person who's gotten more people of colour on TV than possibly any other producer. "I certainly don't spend any time thinking about legacy, because we're still doing this," she said.

When pressed about the concept that she might have something to do with the fact that it seems pretty likely that a woman of colour will win a best actress award at the Emmys for the first time (both Viola Davis and Taraji P. Henson are nominated), she said, "It is a lovely thing that you are saying, but I'm not going to answer that."

Earlier, ABC president Paul Lee had implied that he thought *Grey's Anatomy* could go on for many more seasons.

And what does Rhimes have to say about that? "I agree with everything that Paul Lee says."

Glad we could clear all that up.

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Ottawa-Gatineau

Above: Capital View Park provides a green core to its neighbourhood, framed by views of Parliament Hill. The park starts at Laval Street with a small urban square, including a children's play area and community agricultural plots.

At left: East Eddy Plaza is connected to surrounding streets by heritage laneways and linear park extensions enriched by surface storm water management.

The Zibi redevelopment project sits in the middle of the Ottawa river, connected to both the city of Ottawa and the city of Gatineau. COURTESY WINDMILL DEVELOPMENTS

Builders seeing the big picture

DEVELOPMENTS

Master-planned communities now common to many cities across Canada



CONDO TRENDS

Duncan McAllister

General George S. Patton once said that a good plan today is better than a perfect plan tomorrow. We all know that planning is an essential aspect of real estate and urban development. It would seem that we're living in the era of the master-planned community. We hear the term a lot, but what does it mean exactly?

BusinessDictionary.com describes it as a type of residential plan, the scope of which is very large, and includes a number of amenities such as parks, golf courses, bike paths and jogging trails.

Closer to the city, it's a large community, built in phases by one or more builders, which encompasses elements of live, work and play. That may include

condos, townhomes, office buildings, shopping centres and parks. The building form is now common to most Canadian cities.

On the West Coast, there's a new master-planned community just outside of Vancouver in the Fremont neighbourhood of Port Coquitlam. The Fremont Riverfront District by developer Mosaic Homes comprises condos, townhomes and commercial units in a true live-work-play community. The modern, pedestrian-oriented neighbourhood has more than 650 row home and apartment residences, with the Fremont Riverclub at its centre.

Another example of a master-planned community that goes beyond the realm of imagination, Zibi straddles the banks of the Ottawa River, located in both the City of Ottawa and the City of Gatineau. This multi-phase project, from Windmill Development Group and Dream Unlimited Corp., will transform a derelict section of land into a blend of condominium towers and townhomes, commercial space and unique waterfront plazas.

In the town of Markham, just north of Toronto, the Remington Group has also embarked on an ambitious project that will include a mix of retail, residential and commercial properties.



The thinking was that subdivisions are a 20th-century phenomenon and the world is going to more mixed-use communities.

Sheldon Levitt, of Quadrangle Architects

The \$3-billion Downtown Markham project will represent the largest planned, mixed-use development in Canada. The site is home to the Signature Condominium Collection, an exclusive condo-hotel designed by Quadrangle Architects with interiors by II BY IV Design.

Sheldon Levitt, principal with Quadrangle Architects, says that back in the '90s, their client Remington, having acquired the 250-acre property, wanted

to build something different than just another bedroom community.

"It was a time when there was a lot of talk about New Urbanism," he said.

"The thinking was that subdivisions are a 20th-century phenomenon and the world is going to more mixed-use communities with a focus on being both pedestrian and transit-oriented and bringing the car under some form of control."



Port Coquitlam, B.C.

Part of a pedestrian-oriented live-work-play community, the Fremont Green condos in Port Coquitlam feature one- and two-bedroom, move-in-ready suites on the waterfront, starting from \$189,900. COURTESY MOSAIC HOMES



Markham, Ont.

Left: The Signature Condominium Collection in Downtown Markham features hotel-style living — floors one to seven comprise the Marriott Hotel with 209 rooms and condo suites are on floors eight to 16. Right: Downtown Markham will include retail, residential and commercial properties in a community that includes LEED standard buildings. COURTESY THE REMINGTON GROUP

Summer gadgets for the home chef

DESIGN CENTRE

Karl Lohnes



Most of us confess to having a winter and summer wardrobe, but many would deny having culinary gadgets specifically for the summer kitchen. Here's my roundup of some sizzling summer faves.

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1 Primula 50 oz. Cold Brew Iced Coffee Maker

Keep your caffeine cool during the summer months. \$30, BedBathAndBeyond.ca

2 OXO Corn Stripper With Holder

Strip and store the summer harvest with ease. \$18, CrateAndBarrel

3 Cool & Serve Square Tray

Serve and keep foods cold for up to six hours. \$46.50, PamperedChef.com

4 Lello 4080 Musso Lussino 1.5-Quart Ice Cream Maker

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Canada names top-ranked boccia player flag-bearer

PARAPAN 2015

Dispaltro at the top of his game at age 48

At twice the age of most of his rivals, Marco Dispaltro likes to think of himself as the Gordie Howe of wheelchair sports.

And to think doctors once told him he likely wouldn't live to see 40.

The 48-year-old boccia player will carry Canada's flag into Friday's opening ceremony of the Parapan American Games. He reflected Wednesday on a lifetime of scoffing at doctors, and doing things his own way.

"Gordie Howe, he's been a legend for so many years and he played until he was 50," Dispaltro said. "Then you look at people like Chris Chelios that played hockey for a long time, Teemu Selanne ... there's still life for us even past 40."

"When you look at most of my competitors, they're in their mid-20s. So for me, it's always a motivating factor that the old guy can still perform, and

+ GOAL

Dispaltro is gunning for gold after winning silver in singles at the 2011 Parapan Am Games in Guadalajara, Mexico. He was a bronze medallist in mixed pairs at the 2012 London Paralympics.

keep the young wolves at bay."

Josh Dueck, who carried Canada's flag in the closing ceremonies at the 2014 Sochi Paralympics after skiing to gold and silver there, presented the flag to Dispaltro, wrapping it around the boccia player's shoulders.

Dispaltro, a resident of St-Jerome, Que., was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy as a teenager. He took up wheelchair rugby — better known as Murderball — when he was

25, then switched to wheelchair tennis, and because of the degenerative nature of his disability, now plays boccia. He entered the 2015 season ranked No. 1 in the world in his classification.

"The doctors told me 'Marco,

“Try stuff... And even if you fall a couple of times, just pick yourself up and do it again.”

Marco Dispaltro



Boccia player Marco Dispaltro will wave the Maple Leaf at Friday's opening ceremony.

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your life expectancy is not going to be very long,' but I just scoffed at that," he said. "I did what I wanted to do, I was passionate about it, and I'm going to keep being passionate about sports. Even if I retire, there's a legion of kids out there that want to play sports, and some-

times you don't even know that it exists out there for you."

Boccia is strategy and mind games, Dispaltro said. He likes to stare down his competitors. In the call room before games, he'll chuck balls as hard as he can at his coach. It bothers the other players.

"The other athletes are like 'What's going on here, what's wrong with these guys?' You want to have that edge going into games," he said.

It's one of 15 sports at the Games, which begin Friday and run through Aug. 15.

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IN BRIEF

Quebec and Las Vegas progress in their bids to launch NHL franchises

The bids for NHL teams in Quebec City and Las Vegas are progressing to the next stage of the expansion process.

Quebecor Media vice-president of public affairs Martin Tremblay confirmed in a telephone interview Wednesday that the group overseeing the Quebec City bid has received an invitation from the league to participate in the second phase of the process.

Tremblay refused to give any other details.

Bill Foley, who leads the Las Vegas bid, confirmed in a statement that his group has also been invited to participate in Phase 2.

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Rio's water quality 'not a big problem': FINA prez

The head of swimming's governing body says dirty water at next year's Olympic venues is "not a big problem."

An Associated Press investigation last week showed a serious health risk to the 1,400 Olympic athletes who will compete at water venues around Rio de Janeiro that are rife with human waste and sewage.

Julio Maglione says water quality is "not a big problem at the moment."

He adds that FINA is in contact with the International Triathlon Union, which held an Olympic test event at Copacabana last week, to track the health of the triathletes who competed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2020 OLYMPICS

Japanese designer says Games emblem all his own

Japanese designer Kenjiro Sano rejects claims he copied the emblem of a Belgian theatre when he created the official logo for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

At a news conference on Wednesday, Sano said his design was original and he never saw the emblem for the Theatre de Liege before creating his logo.

Belgian designer Olivier Debie has asked the International Olympic Committee and Tokyo Olympic organizers to change the

logo because it bears too much resemblance to his emblem for the theatre in Liege.

"I am surprised to hear the remarks of the Belgian designer,"

Sano said, adding he was saddened and shocked by claims he plagiarized. "His claims are completely groundless."



Kenjiro Sano

TORU YAMANAKA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Sano said his geometric design uses a widely available font for the letter "T," which stands for Tokyo, team, and tomorrow. He said the red circle in the logo was inspired by designer Yusaku Kamekura's emblem for the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

The 2013 logo for the theatre has a similar "T" in white against a black backdrop.

Tokyo organizers said they researched trademarks inside Japan and abroad before deciding on the logo. The emblem for the Belgian theatre is not a registered trademark.

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The Theatre de Liege, in Liege, Belgium.

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Baltimore Orioles' Chris Davis watches his grand slam off Oakland A's relief pitcher Arnold Leon during the 10th inning
ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Davis grand slam earns Baltimore win

Chris Davis hit his second grand slam in 12 days with one out in the top of the 10th inning and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Oakland Athletics 7-3 on Wednesday.

Davis hit 28th home run and third in four games on a 3-2 pitch from Arnold Leon (0-1). It came two batters after Gerardo Parra was intentionally walked to load the bases. Caleb Joseph and Manny Machado led off the inning with back-to-back singles.

It's the sixth grand slam of Davis' career. He also hit one

WEDNESDAY In Oakland



against Tampa Bay on July 25.

The Orioles trailed 3-1 before scoring twice in the sixth.

Closer Zach Britton (2-0) pitched a season-high 2-1/3 scoreless innings for the win.

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BASEBALL IN BRIEF

Garcia homer helps White Sox edge Rays by one

Avisail Garcia hit a three-run homer in Chicago's five-run first inning and had a bases-loaded walk in the 10th to give the White Sox a 6-5 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday.

Garcia drew the winning walk off closer Brad Boxberger (5-6). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Angels take down Indians

C.J. Cron hit a vital tying two-run single with two out and the bases loaded in the ninth inning against Cleveland closer Cody Allen.

Before pinch-runner Taylor Featherston scored on a wild pitch, giving the Los Angeles Angels a 4-3 victory over the Indians on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tulo finds kindred spirit in Donaldson

MLB

New shortstop combining well with star third baseman

Troy Tulowitzki has found a winning companion in Toronto.

On Tuesday, Tulowitzki and Josh Donaldson both hit home runs early in the Blue Jays' 3-1 win over the Minnesota Twins as Toronto added to its lead in the American League wild-card race.

The newly acquired Blue Jays shortstop thinks that he and Donaldson are alike on the field, even if they have different temperaments in the clubhouse.

"He's outgoing, outspoken at times, he has a lot of fun. Not that I don't, but I'm more of the serious guy," said Tulowitzki. "But on the field there's some similarities. Guys that compete. Guys that grind out at-bats. Guys that probably put winning first and guys that

hopefully make a difference when they're on a team."

Tulowitzki was acquired in a trade with the Colorado Rockies on July 28th along with reliever LaTroy Hawkins for shortstop Jose Reyes, reliever Miguel Castro and minor-league pitchers Jeff Hoffman and Jesus Tinoco.

He's hit two home runs since coming to Toronto and is feeling more comfortable, thanks in part to Donaldson's influence.

"It's been about a week here and Josh is definitely fun to be around, someone that I've admired from the other side," said Tulowitzki.

"Getting a chance to play with him, it's special and hopefully it's for a long time."

Going into Wednesday's game, the Blue Jays had won three straight and hold the AL's second wild-card spot.

Donaldson got Toronto on the board early on Tuesday, hitting his 28th home run of the season in just the second at-bat of the game. He had homered in five of his past nine games.

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Troy Tulowitzki on Josh Donaldson



Troy Tulowitzki and Josh Donaldson are proving formidable atop the Blue Jays' order since last week's non-waiver trade deadline. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

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- 1 cup onions
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 8 oz lean ground beef
- 1 cup medium salsa
- 6 small flour tortillas (6")
- 1/3 cup shredded lettuce
- 1 cup diced plum tomato
- 1/2 cup shredded old light cheddar cheese
- 1 cup black beans, drained and rinsed

Directions

1. In a large skillet sprayed with oil, add onions and sauté for three minutes until tender. Add garlic, chili powder and Worcestershire and sauté another minute. Add beef and sauté until no longer pink, about three minutes. Add salsa, cover and simmer for five minutes on low heat until most of the salsa has been absorbed.
2. Divide meat mixture over centre of tortillas. Divide lettuce, tomato, cheese and beans over top. Fold in half and serve warm.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 195
- Protein 15 g
- Carbohydrates 25 g
- Fibre 3 g
- Total fat 3.5 g
- Saturated fat 1 g
- Cholesterol 20 mg
- Sodium 690 mg

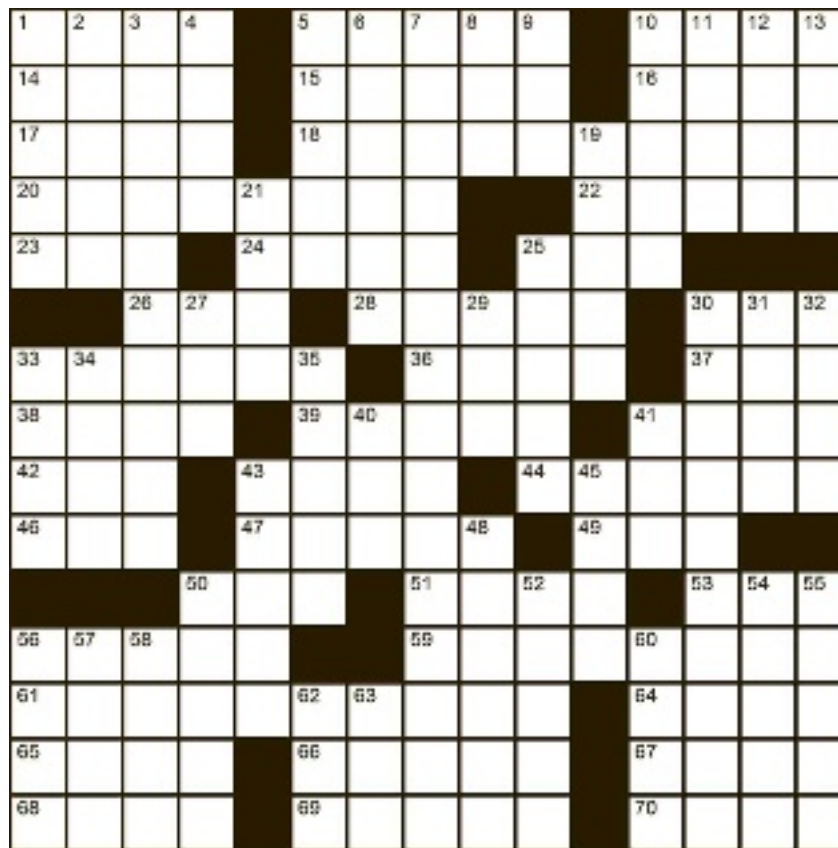
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Rocket-to-moon org.
5. Parsley portion
10. Montreal baseball player, once
14. Grad
15. The 1890s, sometimes called The __ Decade
16. Brag about
17. Negative reply
18. Gathering/ collection
20. One consists of a board, rooks, pawns, etc.: 2 wds.
22. Silk-like fabric
23. Lieutenant Tasha __ (Character on "Star Trek: The Next Generation")
24. Chips __! (Chocolate chip cookie)
25. Wager
26. Cartoonist Mr. Keane
28. Fashion sense
30. Uniquely-spelled mountain basin
33. Immediately!
36. Richly-__ (Fall fashions, often)
37. Pi's follower
38. "My Fair Lady" (1964) star Mr. Harrison's
39. Alpine dry wind
41. Egotistical
42. Poetic tribute
43. In the distance
44. Nickname for Canadian rapper Drake
46. ABBA hit
47. Obscure
49. Stable stuff



50. 'F' in FWIW
51. River of England
53. Mason's load-holder
56. Cold shoulder it
59. Type of tree
61. Canadair CT-133 __ __ (Retired mil-

- itary aircraft)
64. Mr. McCormack
65. Competent
66. Rock gig venue
67. Voyaging on the ocean
68. Fruit cocktail bit

69. __ Lodge (Veronica's dad in Archie Comics)
70. Big name in computers

DOWN

1. HLN's " __ Grace"
2. Hawaiian 'hi'
3. Canada Post door-

- to-door mail delivery replacements
4. Souls: French
5. Bang up
6. Promenades
7. Hanging-in-a-bag puppet on "The Friendly Giant": 3 wds.
8. 'Impress' suffix

9. Precious stone
10. Plaudit
11. Hospital photo
12. Corn dog
13. British actor Clive
19. "The Rare __" (1966)
21. Table shaker contents
25. Mix
27. __ and outs
29. "I __ Ya Papi" by Jennifer Lopez
30. Neil Young's backing band: 2 wds.
31. __ by (Pass briskly)
32. Tommy James & The Shondells tune, when repeated
33. Advantages
34. Decorate anew
35. Bid
40. Goon
41. Through
43. Dwelling
45. Canadian comedian Caroline
48. Where Georgetown is the capital city
50. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's bill, fun-style
52. "Buzz off!"
54. Bay window
55. Sticker
56. Business person's "Fast!"
57. Feeling
58. Stewing pot
60. Fermented honey drink
62. Encourager's exclamation!
63. __ Lanka

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't waste your time, energy and money on things you don't need and people you don't respect. Resist the urge to get involved in causes and issues that do not concern you directly.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You have made sacrifices in recent weeks and now it is time to do something for yourself. You will feel more positive about your dreams and your place in the world.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
There is no point trying to control every situation you find yourself in — you will wear yourself out if you try. Some things are simply too big for even a Gemini to change.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you want to get the most out of the next few days you will need to be more sociable. Let others take the lead and they'll take you places you will thoroughly enjoy.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Employers will go out of their way to help you make the most of your talents. First, though, you need to open up and let them know what it is you desire. They're not mind readers.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your opinions may be fixed but that does not mean you are completely inflexible. Some of the ideas you have over the next 24 hours will be so unusual that even those who know you well will be surprised.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You don't have to do anything to make this day special, just be yourself and enjoy the wonderful things that come your way. It's possible you could go on a spree and spend too much money but that's nothing new.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Even a Scorpio needs encouragement. Loved ones will go out of their way to reassure you today. It's nice to know you are appreciated.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may not enjoy what you have to do but you have no choice, so get yourself in gear and get it done. Once it is out of the way you can devote yourself to more pleasurable activities.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Listen to what friends and relatives tell you today. If you follow their advice it will save you time and effort on things of no importance. Why learn from mistakes when you can learn from others?

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your doubts about certain relationships will be laid to rest. Loved ones will reassure you that you are always in their hearts and thoughts, no matter how far apart you may be.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't let pride get in the way of securing your future. You cannot do everything on your own, so put your ego aside and join forces.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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